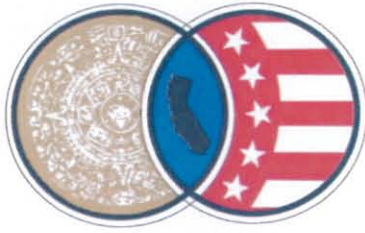


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October 11, 2009

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, the nation's largest Latino-serving social service organization, has been helping children and families in need since 1963. I am writing to express my concern over the impact potential network neutrality rules could have on our constituents and community.

Equality of opportunity is the true promise of the Internet, and ensuring affordable access to broadband services is essential to fulfilling that promise. Latinos are beginning to make great strides in accessing the Internet due primarily to their preference for and affordability of mobile devices versus computers and laptops. However, this very encouraging narrowing of the digital divide could be reversed quickly if investments in cellular infrastructure or broadband affordability are put at risk by new network neutrality rules.

Over the years one of the best "policies" for the Internet has been to resist the temptation to regulate it – and instead watch it flourish. This restraint has served the nation and the Internet well for decades. Careful thought is required before overturning what has been a sound approach by instead taking steps to impose hefty new Internet rules.

The impact of FCC network neutrality rules will be felt in communities across the nation, including the Latino community. I strongly urge you to take more time to consider the impact such rules could have on everyone.

Sincerely,

Martin Castro, President & CEO
Mexican American Opportunity Foundation

Cc:

Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell